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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-119 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 18-119 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 18-59, 62-64, 66-107, 109-111, and 116-119 drawn to a method and system for purchasing tickets that authenticates a user, classified in class 705, subclass 26.
- II. Claims 60, 61, 65, and 108, drawn to a method of purchasing tickets that does not authenticate a user, classified in class 705, subclass 26.
- III. Claims 112-115, drawn to a system for purchasing tickets that uses self-servicing printing devices, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as a method for purchasing tickets that does require the authentication of invention I.

See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Inventions I and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such

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as a method and system for purchasing tickets that does require the self-servicing printer of invention III. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Inventions II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as a method for purchasing tickets that does require the authentication of invention III. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

SPECIES

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

In the event Applicants elect Group I above, they are further obligated to elect among the following species as follows:

- species of claims 21 and 72,
- species of claims 22, 45, 73, and 96,
- species of claims 23, 46, 74, and 97,
- species of claims 24, 47, 75, and 98,
- species of claims 25, 48, 76, and 99,
- species of claims 26, 49, 77, and 100,
- species of claims 27, 50, 78, and 101,
- species of claims 28, 29, 51, 52, 79, 80, 102, and 103,
- species of claims 30, 53, 81, and 104,

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species of claims 31, 54, 82, and 105,
species of claims 32, 55, 83, and 106,
species of claims 34, 35, 85, and 86,
species of claims 36, 37, 87, and 88,
species of claims 38, 44, 89, and 95,
species of claims 39-41, and 90-92,
species of claim 42 and 93,
species of claim 43 and 94,
species of claims 57-59, and 117-119,
species of claims 62-64 and 109-111.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 18-20, 33, 56, 66, 67, 69-71, 84, 107, and 116 are generic.

SPECIES

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

In the event Applicants elect Group II above, they are further obligated to elect among the following species as follows:

species of claims 61 and 108,
species of claim 65,

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species of claim 68.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 60 is generic.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naeem Haq whose telephone number is (703)-305-3930. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am-5:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn W. Coggins can be reached on (703)-308-1344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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